Gulf Island National Seashore Mississippi District



2012 Summer Youth Programs at Gulf Islands National Seashore

Join us this summer for outdoor exploration and learning!

Free programs are available for ages 3-11. Read on for more information!

Sea Star Programs (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am June 6th - July 28th

There is no prior sign-up required for these programs. Just show up! These programs will be inside or outside the William M. Colmer Visitor Center and will include arts and crafts, stories, and songs.

June 6 and 9 - Alligator Adventure - Learn about Mississippi's largest reptile and make a puppet to take home!

June 13 & 16 - Sea Turtles - Discover these amazing ancient creatures through a story and craft project.

June 20 & 23 - Terrific Trees - What do trees do for us? Take a walk outside and see for yourself!

June 27 & 30 - Shapes and Sounds in Nature - Kids will learn to use their senses to understand more about the nature around them.











July 4 & 7 - Crab Crawl - Hear a fun crab story and race your fellow "crabs"! July 11 & 14 - Fabulous Fish - Learn how a fish is put together, how it swims, eats and breathes. Make a craft to take home!

July 18 & 21 - Owls - Did you know an owl can hear a mouse $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away? Learn more at the Seashore!

July 25 & 28 - Southern Safari - Armed with magnifying glasses and a sense of wonder, what will we discover on this ranger-led walk?

Junior Ranger Programs: (ages 6-11)

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00-11:15 am June 6th - July 28th

There is no prior sign-up required for these programs. Just show up! Please be on time to optimize the experience for everyone. These programs will meet at the William M. Colmer Visitor Center. However, most will involve some outdoor time as well, so dress for the weather. These programs will be rain or shine.

June 6 and 9 – **Marsh Munchers** - Discover the bayou food web by becoming a part of it!

June 13 & 16 – **Sea Turtles** – Learn more about these amazing and endangered creatures in the Gulf of Mexico.

June 20 & 23 – **Leave Only Footprints** – How can we tread lightly on the land and still have fun?

June 27 & 30 – **Wild About Water -** Learn about watersheds and the water cycle. How are we connected to those who live up and downstream?

July 4 & 7 - **Aging Artifacts** - Learn how archaeologists determine the age and origin of artifacts they find during excavations.

July 11 & 14 - **Native Tools** - Discover tools and practices southeastern American Indians used in their daily life.

July 18 & 21 - Tracks and Scat - Learn how to find signs of animals and what they teach us about where they live and what they eat.

July 25 & 28 - Life of a Civil War Soldier - Discover the history and hardships of Civil War era soldiers on the Gulf Coast.

Junior Rangers who attends at least 4 programs will earn a Junior Ranger badge!

All programs at Gulf Islands National Seashore are free! For more information, find us on the web at www.nps.gov/guis or call (228) 875-9057, extension 4100.

For Junior Ranger programs online, check out http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/